

REMARKS

Claims 11, 19, 25 and 36 - 45 are pending. Claims 8 – 10, 12, 13, 16, 18, 21, 22, 24, 27, 34 and 35 have been cancelled. Claims 36 - 45 have been added. Claims 11, 19, and 25 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the April 2, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner has stated that claims 11, 19, and 25 are objected to as being based on a rejected base claim, but has indicated that claims 11, 19, and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicants have rewritten claims 11, 19, and 25 into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims from which they respectively depend. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 11, 19, and 25 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants have added depended claims 42 – 43 and 44 – 45, which depend from claims 19 and 25, respectively. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 42 – 45 are also in condition for allowance.

New claims 36 and 39 include limitations similar to the allowable subject matter of claims 11, 19, and 25. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 36 and 39 are also in condition for allowance. Claims 37 and 38 depend on claim 36 and claims 40 and 41 depend on claim 39. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 40 and 41 are also in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected claims 8 – 10, 12, 16, 18, 21, 24, 27, 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO Publication No. 01/05086 to Krishna et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,754,755 to Johnson et al. in view of U.S. Patent No.

6,304,911 to Brich et al. The applicant have cancelled claims 8 – 10, 12, 16, 18, 21, 24, 27, 34 and 35.

Applicants believe that the foregoing remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call either of undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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